

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes January 17, 2017

Present: L. Haslam, M. Lafreniere, R. Lent, D. Leonard, M. McEntee, P. Sears, L. Wilson, B. Young, H. Godino

Call to Order: 6:30 pm. Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call. The minutes of the October meeting were accepted.

Correspondence: -0-

Directors Report

We now offer two Family Story Times, one on Monday morning and the other on Thursday morning at 11 am. Story times for children 3 years old and up are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 am and 2 pm. Open art is on Monday 11:30 am to 4:30 pm and Friday 10 am to 4:30 pm. These have been well attended except on the very cold days.

On January 14, the **Book & Art group**, for children who are 6 by September, listened to Klimt and His Cat and did an art project related to the book. **Dewey's Book Buds** for children age 8 read and discussed Teddy Mars. On January 21, the **Book Bunch** for children age 7 will read and discuss Claude on the Slopes and **The Page-Turners** for children 9 & 10 will read and discuss Secrets of Shakespeare's Grave.

On February 11 **Book & Art** will listen to a new book and **Dewey's Book Buds** will read and discuss Captain Nobody. On February 18 **Book Bunch** will read and discuss Captain Awesome to the Rescue and **The Page-Turners** will read and discuss Regarding the Fountain. We always have room for more children so if you are not in a book group, why not join in.

Exeter joined in with other seacoast libraries to present **Beyond the Binding**, a program to bring storytellers to the seacoast libraries. On Monday, January 9th, professional storyteller Shawn Middleton shared stories using finger puppets, sound effects, voice dramatization, pauses, rhythm, mime and hip hop dance. The event was free and open to the public and well attended. Explore all of our Seacoast Libraries and visit more events during our January Storyteller Series. For complete details visit www.seacoastarealibraries.org

January marked the introduction of a new High School Book Group for teens ages 14-18 (group name to be announced next month). Nine teens met on January 14th and brought their favorite books to discuss. The group then selected their own list of titles to read. The first book will be The Other Wes Moore and will meet on Saturday, February 11th at 1:00 pm.

In other teen news, the 11-year-old book group, **The Owls**, met on January 14th. They discussed Crispin and were taught “Juicy Juggling” with clementines serving as both balls and snacks. Tyler taught Julia, Julia taught the group. The 12 & 13-year-old book group, **Books for Life**, discussed The Wednesday Wars and had a trivia contest. February 11th both group meet. **The Owls** will read Found and **Books for Life** will read Life as We Knew It.

Exeter Loves YA, a new program for teens, has events scheduled for each Thursday after school from 2:30 -5:00 pm. This month programming has a winter theme; Dr. Who Snowman Viewing with Dr. Who Trivia, Hot Cocoa Tasting with Family Feud Fun, Silent Library: Winter Edition, and an Ugly Sweater Contest. This program will continue throughout the year to help welcome teens to our Teen Scene and give them a fun afternoon to look forward to each school week.

On January 28th at 2:00 pm the library will host a Hamilton Sing-A-Long. We will play the Hamilton: an American Musical Broadway Cast Recording and patrons can sing along or sign up to be a featured soloist. Costumes are encouraged for this event.

February will mark the 9-year anniversary of the Adult Book Groups with Julia at Exeter Public Library. February 15 they will discuss H is for hawk. On January 11, the Evening Book Group discussed Following Atticus. On February 8 they will discuss The Atomic weight of Love. The Morning Book Groups meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10 am and the Evening Book Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please join us.

Our monthly movies are the first Monday of the month at 1 pm. The monthly travel movie series, Armchair Travel, is the last Monday of the month at 1 pm.

Tech Teach, free one-on one technology lessons, are extremely popular. We offer these lessons on the first Monday of the month at 5-7 pm and on the last Friday of the month at 10 am to noon. Give us a call for more information and to sign-up for a lesson.

We continue to offer outreach to senior facilities and the schools.

The library will be closed on Friday January 27 until 1 pm for staff CPR and AED training.

Operating statement:

- The operating statement was accepted. Hope said there is nothing unusual for this time of year. It is consistent with every January. Leslie asked that the word “overdues” be removed from the statement as we do not collect overdue fines any more.

Building, Grounds and Technology: -0-

Finance and Fundraising:

- Denise related that the Annual Appeal has raised a little over \$8000 so far. Denise has been sending out thank you notes. She will call if she needs help.

Long Range Plan:

- Hope has been working on her summery for the Master Plan for the town of Exeter. There will be a public meeting on January 25 if any Trustee would like to attend. Hope will be there also.

Personnel and Policy:

- Robin asked Hope if she thought that staffing was adequate. Hope said it was.

Social:

- Mary asked the Trustees to think about a date for the Staff Appreciation party.

Continuing Business: -0-

New Business:

- A meeting of the future Friends group has been set for February 10. Robin suggested that we have someone come in from the NHSL to talk about Friends groups in general. Leaders are needed for this group. Paula and Robin will work on this.

Next Meeting February 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 7:12 pm.

Pam Darlington